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Upcoming Events

May 2 - People of the Parish Eucharistic Service, 9.15am

May 2 - Friends of St Benet's Meeting, 3:30pm - please come along and join the fun. It's summer fayre time!

May 4 - Play in a Day for Year 5. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the performance at 2:45pm

May 7 - School Closed for May Day

May 8 - Sacrament of Reconciliation (am) This will now occur in school with the children only

May 9 - Year 3 Eucharistic Service, 9.15am (TBC)

May 9 - Edinburgh Meeting for Y6 parents, 3:30pm

May 11 - Uniform Stand in the school hall, organized by the Friends of St Benet's. New/Nearly New or Used uniform in a good condition shall be on sale in the school hall, for a small donation. Come along and get kitted out!

May 11 - Year 2's Collective Worship, 9am, Y2 classroom

May 12 - First Holy Communion for Y4 children in St Joseph's Church at 9am

May 14-17 - Year 6 SATS Week. Children in Year 2 shall also complete their SATS during the month of May.

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Happy St George's Day

On Monday our children appeared very patriotic by coming to school in colours of red, white and blue in celebration of our nation's saint, St George. The children enjoyed learning about the patron saint of England. Ask them to give you some facts about our country's saint...



Walking For Water Event

Today our children participated in the worldwide **WE Walk for Water** campaign. Reception to Year 6 children worked in their house teams and completed some relay activities carrying amounts of water around the school field. It was a great event, with much positivity and enjoyment displayed in our children as well as a time to reflect on those children who are walking a long way to access water. This activity links in very well with our Rights Respecting Schools project and **Article 24: Every child has the right to safe water to drink**. Thank you for the sponsorship money that we have received so far.

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed at all and you feel that your child might be eligible for free school meals, please pop into school and ask Mrs Readman for a form to complete. Even, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 where free meals are provided to your child, your child may be entitled to additional financial support in school. If you are unsure if this applies to you, we do recommend that you pop into school and speak to either Mrs Readman or Miss Harper about it.

First Holy Communion Day

The Year 4's First Holy Communion Day is fast approaching on Saturday 12th May. The celebrant shall be Father Mark Milward who is the Dean of our Benedict Partnership and Parish Priest in Washington. For the breakfast which will occur after the Mass, Mrs McNally kindly asks Year 4 parents to select a chosen food from a list which can be found in the school office. Please pop into school from Monday to select a choice of food. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Catherine Harper
Head teacher

Year 2 and Year 5 are
the attendance
winners this week - **100%**



Sun Safety = Sun Protection and Sun Hats!

Today we were joined by the ladies from [MelanomaMe](#) who came to speak to parents about the importance of protecting adults and children from the sun and its UV rays. It was great to see so many parents attend the workshop. UV Awareness Wristbands costing £1.00 are on sale in school while stocks last! Please pop into the school office to purchase them. We are also **selling summer caps** in school. You can purchase a **legionnaire cap** (hat that also covers neck) in sky blue with the school logo for £1.50. Alternatively, royal blue baseball caps with the school logo can be purchased for £3.50. It's not compulsory for your child to have a school logo cap however, it's an option if you'd like to keep your other children's hats for out of school. Please pop into the school office to order one if you are interested.



Royal Wedding Lunch

To celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday 19th May, we shall be having a Royal Buffet Lunch on **Friday 18th May**. If your child is on packed lunches and would like to participate in this buffet lunch, please complete the slip that was sent home yesterday and return to school ASAP.

Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is...

'I understand what trust means'



Grab a piece of paper and ask your child to draw a circle map on it. In the inner circle, write the word 'trust' and in the outer circle work together to define what the meaning of trust is. In the outer box/frame of reference, together write with your child how they know that they can trust someone.

Gold Book Winners (Thursday 27th April)

Miss Harper- **Y5 Netball Team**
Miss Caulfield- **Kaci Kang**
Mrs Lauder- **Talia Hepple**
Miss Loughlin - **Robyn Wall**
Miss Williamson - **Sophie Bainbridge**
Mrs Rowley - **Sam Watson**
Mrs McNally - **Tom Stewart**
Mrs Brown - **Jessica Wall**
Mrs Donaghy- **Freya Monaghan**
Miss O'Sullivan - **Niamh Fenwick**
Mrs Calvert- **Alfie Lauder**

Mr Kent - **Grace Poole**
Mrs Stone- **Lilly Hartley**
Mrs Bissell- **Isaac Liddell**
Mr McQueen- **Elena Cherry**
Mrs Hanley- **Brianna Mulcahy**
Mrs Malpass - **Ella McCafferty**
Mr Rooney- **Zara Blondrage**
Mrs Finley- **Nevaeh Loan**
Mrs Tallentire- **Emily Thompson**
Mrs Wealleans- **Max Morton**



After School Club Payments

Please ensure that you are up to date with payments for your child's attendance at after school clubs on ParentPay. Any parent experiencing issues with ParentPay, please let us know.



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